

distribute personal care items like shampoo, toothbrushes, and diapers to families in need throughout the area. Last year they collected nearly one million items, helping countless families.

On the other side of Missouri, Kara Dorsey, a member of Troop 706 in Warrensburg, recently won her Girl Scout Gold Award for creating a library at the new Warrensburg Veteran's Home. Kara organized two fundraising events then purchased books, tapes and magazine subscriptions with the proceeds. Because of Kara's work, the veterans in Warrensburg have a recreational and educational outlet they might not have had otherwise.

Girl Scouts may be most famous for Thin Mints, Samoas and Tagalongs, but those cookies are more than delicious snacks. Cookie sales teach the scouts about money management, selling skills, and give the girls a chance to give back to their community. Junior Girl Scout Troop 59, in Odessa, Missouri, voted to give a percentage of the money it earned in January to the House of Hope, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. When someone asked Rachel Kopp, a member of the troop, why they had donated the money, she said, "It was the Girl Scout thing to do." Indeed it is. That is what makes the Girl Scouts so unique. Girl Scouts provide an environment where girls are challenged and guided to become capable, self-reliant, ethical women who make a difference.

On this, their anniversary, I want to thank the Girl Scouts of America for enriching so many young lives, and once again thank my colleges for unanimously calling for the recognition of National Girl Scout Week.●

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE REV. AND MRS. BENJAMIN HOOKS

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, every day in towns and cities across America, moms and dads, uncles and cousins, gather, in time-honored tradition, to celebrate the milestones of their lives—the births, baptisms, and anniversaries that bind them together and make them one.

Perhaps the most cherished of these is the celebration of marriage because it is marriage, after all, that creates the first and most essential cell of human society—the family.

If they are blessed, Mr. President, these anniversary celebrations of marriage include larger circles of friends and colleagues who recognize not only the value of a special couple's commitment to each other, but also the value of that commitment to all of us as the larger family of God.

On March 24, 2001, in Memphis, Tennessee, Mr. President, such a gathering will occur, and it is in honor of that occasion that I rise today to pay special tribute to a special couple, the Rev. Benjamin Hooks and his bride, Frances, who will celebrate 50 years as husband and wife.

Mr. President, this son of Memphis, is a man whose accomplishments as a pioneer of the civil rights movement, a courageous leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and, more recently, as Director of the NAACP are well-known to most Americans. Less known, perhaps, is his work as a public defender, the first African American judge in Tennessee elected since Reconstruction, an outspoken critic of media portrayals of minority stereotypes, and pastor of the Greater Middle Baptist Church in Memphis where I have been honored to worship, and where both Benjamin and Frances have tirelessly dedicated themselves to bringing the goodwill of the family to all society.

But as important as their public work is and has been, it is the private union of these two remarkable human beings that we honor today—their affection and devotion, their deep and lasting commitment and, most of all, the love that encompasses not only each other but all who know them.

Mr. President, it is my honor and privilege to join with their daughter, Patricia, their family, and all their many friends, in congratulating the Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Hooks on 50 years of marriage. May the good Lord continue to bless them all the days of their lives.●

IN MEMORY OF GINA PENNESTRI

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with a combination of great sadness and great joy that I ask the Senate to pause briefly so that I may share a little of the remarkable life of my dear friend and confidante Gina Pennestri.

I first met Gina when she was working for my hero and former boss, Congressman John Burton. When John announced his decision to leave the House in 1982, I decided to run for his seat. I can say without hesitation that without Gina I never would have won my first election to Congress. In fact, it is almost certain that without Gina I would not be here today as a U.S. Senator. After that first election she came to work for me and headed my district office until her retirement in 1989. For these and all her other gifts, I will be forever in her debt.

Gina was born on September 30, 1923 in Washington, DC. In retrospect, this makes perfect sense. She always seemed to have been born into politics. She attended George Washington University and became active locally advocating for voting rights for District residents. She began her long career in public service during World War II conducting employee relations for civilian employees stationed overseas. After the War she assisted with the Berlin Airlift working to assure that medical, food and other supplies got to those who needed them.

Gina moved to San Francisco in 1951, where she began at once to raise a family and more than one ruckus. From her first days in the City until her very

last, Gina was known for her community spirit and activism. Over the years she worked to protect open space, to achieve civil rights, to end the war in Vietnam and so much more. Gina could be tough. She believed deeply in the inherent worth of all people, and worked especially hard to protect those less fortunate. She was that all-to-rare person whose depth of compassion was matched by an astute political mind. When it came to fighting for what was right, she let nothing and no one stand in the way. Her example inspires me to this day.

A thorn in the side to a few, she was deeply beloved by countless more. And to those who knew her best she was more than just an ally or friend, she was a member of the family. When Gina let you into her life you were there for keeps. Her loyalty was legendary, and her wisdom helped me navigate many difficulties, both in my professional and private life. My family and I will miss her tremendously. Our thoughts and prayers are with her son Marc, his wife Nancy and their children Laura and Daniel, to all of whom Gina was deeply devoted.

So today, I stand before you full of tremendous sorrow over the loss of a true friend and partner. But through the process of remembering Gina and her time among us, I am also filled with tremendous joy—joy that I was so fortunate to have met her and shared in her generous gifts and spirit. It comforts me to know that although she is gone, these will most assuredly live on in the many lives she touched.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 327. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United State Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses.

H.R. 364. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

5927 Southwest 70th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Marjory Williams Scrivens Post Office."

H.R. 725. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to provide for the establishment of a toll-free telephone number to assist consumers in determining whether products are American-made.

H.R. 741. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 809. An act to make technical corrections to various antitrust laws and to references to such laws.

H.R. 821. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1030 South Church Street in Asheboro, North Carolina, as the "W. Joe Trogon Post Office Building."

H.R. 860. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions.

H.R. 861. An act to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 320. An act to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 4(a) of Public Law 94-118 (22 U.S.C. 2903), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Mr. McDERMOTT.

The message also announced that pursuant to paragraph 8 of section 801(b) of Public Law 100-696, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated.

H.R. 327. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 364. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5927 Southwest 70th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Marjory Williams Scrivens Post Office", to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 725. An act to establish a toll free number under the Federal Trade Commission to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 741. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in com-

merce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 809. An act to make technical corrections to various antitrust laws and to references to such laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 821. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1030 South Church Street in Asheboro, North Carolina, as the "W. Joe Trogon Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 860. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 861. An act to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code, to the Committee on Armed Services.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-996. A communication from the Director of the American Forces Information Service, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report concerning the consolidation of two field activities located in California and Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-997. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Nonattainment as of November 15, 1996, and Reclassification of the St. Louis Ozone Nonattainment Area; States of Missouri and Illinois" (FRL6955-4) received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-998. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule; Official Staff Interpretation" (Docket No. R-1074) received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-999. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (North English, IA; Pendleton, SC; Hamilton, TX; Munday, TX)" (Docket Nos. 00-222, 00-223, 00-224, 00-225) received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1000. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Hornbrook, California)" (Docket No. 00-73) received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1001. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations (Lexington, KY)" re-

ceived on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1002. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations (Chattanooga, Tennessee)" (Docket No. 99-268) received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1003. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations (Sumter, South Carolina)" (Docket No. 00-182) received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1004. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1998 Biennial Regulatory Review — Streamlining of Radio Technical Rules in Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules, Second Report and Order" (Docket No. 98-93) received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. RES. 20: A resolution designating March 25, 2001, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy."

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. McCain for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following named officer for appointment as Commander, Atlantic Area, United States Coast Guard, and to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 50:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Thad W. Allen, 3199

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. McCain. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Harvey E. Johnson Jr., 0186

Capt. Sally Brice-O'Hara, 0516

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

Mr. McCain. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably a nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to